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Head & Neck Surgery
Pediatric & Adult ENT
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HOSPITAL AFFILIATIONS

2007 - PRESENT West Hills Hospital & Medical Center, Attending Surgeon
2007 - PRESENT Encino - Tarzana Hospital & Medical Center, Attending Surgeon
2007 - PRESENT Motion Picture Hospital, Attending Surgeon

SURGICAL TRAINING

2006-2007 UCLA Medical Center
Chief Resident, Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery
Emphasis: Minimally invasive techniques for surgical management of thyroid & parathyroid diseases (video-assisted and non-video assisted), head and neck tumors, endoscopic sinus surgery, and voice and swallowing disorders.

2003-2006 UCLA Medical Center
Resident, Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery

2001-2003 UCLA Medical Center
Internship and Resident, General Surgery

EDUCATION

1997-2001 David Geffen School of Medicine
University of California at Los Angeles
Doctor of Medicine
Thesis: Head and Neck Surgery

1993-1997 University of California, Los Angeles
Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience
summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa

AWARDS & HONORS

2006 Combined Middle and Western Sections of the Triological Society Meeting. San Diego, CA, February 2-5, 2006. Resident Travel Award for Poster Presentation.

2001 Paul H. Ward, M.D. Society: "Outstanding Research Presentation in the Field of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery by a Resident"

2001 UCLA School of Medicine Thesis Award (Head and Neck Surgery)

2000-2001 Sherman Mellinkoff, M.D. Memorial Scholarship for Academic Excellence

2000 Stafford Warren, M.D. Memorial Scholarship for Academic Excellence

1998-2001	Joan Risse Scholarship for Academic Excellence and Financial Need
1997	Phi Beta Kappa Undergraduate Honors
1996-1997	William Homan Scholarship for Academic Excellence
1993-1997	College of Letters and Science Dean's Honor Roll (Eight Quarters)
1994	Golden Key National Honors
1993	J.O. Downing Scholarship for Academic Excellence

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

2005-present	American Academy of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery
2005-present	American Rhinologic Society
2005-present	American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy
2003-present	American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
2002-present	California Medical Association
1997-present	Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society

RESEARCH

2005-2006	Head and Neck Cancer Research Laboratory, Division of Head and Neck Surgery, Department of Surgery, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA Primary Investigator: Marilene Wang, M.D., Professor <i>Resident Research Scientist</i> Proposal: "Curcumin as an Adjuvant in the Treatment of Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma."
1999-2001	Laryngeal Physiology Laboratory, Division of Head and Neck Surgery, Department of Surgery, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA Primary Investigator: Gerald S. Berke, M.D., Professor and Chief <i>Short-Term Training Program (STTP)/Research Elective</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Characterization of acute and chronic allograft rejection following orthotopic laryngeal transplantation in a canine model. 2. Anatomic description of recurrent laryngeal nerve branching patterns among human cadavers.
1998	Laboratory of Systems Neuroscience, National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), Bethesda, MD. Primary Investigator: Charles Gerfen, Ph.D., Chief <i>Summer Research Fellow</i> Incorporation of subtractive hybridization for identification of D1 receptor supersensitivity in a Parkinsonian rat model.
1995-1996	Brain Research Institute, Department of Neurology, UCLA School of Medicine. Primary Investigator: Susan Harkema, Ph.D., Assistant Professor NIH funded project: "Neuromuscular plasticity and recovery after spinalization." <i>Research Assistant</i> Independent Research Project: "Speed-related Contractile Properties of the Tibialis Anterior Muscle in Chronic Spinal Cord Injured Subjects."
1994-1995	Department of Surgical Oncology, UCLA School of Medicine. Primary Investigator: Romaine E. Saxton, Ph.D., Adjunct Professor <i>Research Assistant</i> Exploration of various targeted delivery vectors in use with alternative chemotherapeutic and laser-guided strategies for treatment of malignant tumors in an animal model.

PUBLICATIONS

1. **Cohen A.** Fen-phen and Valvular Heart Disease. *Nutrition Bytes*. 1998; 4(3).
<http://www.medsch.ucla.edu/som/ddo/biolchem/nut-1998/ByteV4N3/v4n3cohe.html>
2. Paiva MB, Saxton RE, Blackwell K, Buecher P, **Cohen A**, Calcaterra TC, Ward PH, Castro DJ. Combined Cisplatin and Laser Thermal Therapy for Palliation of Recurrent Head and Neck Tumors. *Diagnostic and Therapeutic Endoscopy*. 2000; 6: 133-140.
3. Huang RY, Damrose EJ, Blackwell KE, **Cohen AN**, Calcaterra TC. Extranasopharyngeal Angiofibromas. *International Journal of Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology*. 2000; 54(1): 1-5.
4. **Cohen AN**, Damrose EJ, Huang RY, Nelson SD, Blackwell KE, Calcaterra TC. Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma of the Submandibular Gland: A 35 Year Review. *Otolaryngol Head Neck Surg*. 2004;131(6):994-1000.
5. Maria M. LoTempio, Mysore S. Veena, Helen L. Steele, Bharathi Ramamurthy, Tirunelveli S. Ramalingam, **Alen N. Cohen**, Rita Chakrabarti, Eri S. Srivatsan, Marilene B. Wang. Curcumin Suppresses Growth Of Head And Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma. *Clinical Cancer Research*. 2005;11(19):6994-7002.
6. **Cohen AN**, Wang MB. Mini-Trephination as an Adjunctive Measure in the Endoscopic Management of Complex Frontal Sinus Disease. *American J of Rhinol*. 2007;21:629-636.
7. Strocker AS, **Cohen AN**, Wang MB. Outpatient Uvulopalatopharyngoplasty in Selected Patients with Obstructive Sleep Apnea. *Submitted for publication*.
8. **Cohen AN**, Veena MS, Srivatsan ES, Wang MB. Curcumin Suppresses IL-6 and IL-8 Production in Head and Neck Cancer Cell Lines via Inhibition of IκB Kinase (IKK). *Submitted for publication*.

ABSTRACTS

1. Paiva MB, Udewitz M, Saxton RE, **Cohen A**, Flores MC, Williams C, Castro DJ. Intratumor Cisplatin/Epinephrine Injectable Gel for Palliation of Head and Neck Cancer. *American Academy of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery Bulletin*. April 1999; 35.
2. Paiva MB, Graeber IP, Castro DJ, **Cohen A**, Suh M, Saxton RE. Improved Nd:YAG Laser Induced Thermal Therapy of Human Squamous Cell Carcinoma Using Cisplatin in a Gel Implant. *Proceedings of the 90th Annual Meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research*. 1999; 40: 588.

LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

1. Laser and Cisplatin for Palliation of Advanced and Recurrent Head and Neck Tumors: Preliminary Results of a Phase II Trial. Poster presentation at the 102nd Annual Meeting of the Western Section of The Triological Society, Denver, CO, January 13, 1999.
2. Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma of the Submandibular Gland: A 35 Year Review. Oral presentation at the 28th Annual Meeting of The Western Student Medical Research Forum (WSMRF), Carmel, CA, February 12, 2000.

3. The Anterior and Posterior Divisions of the Recurrent Laryngeal Nerve: Implications for Laryngeal Transplantation. Poster presentation at the *National Meeting of The Triological Society*, Orlando, FL, May 17, 2000.
4. Adenoid Cystic Carcinoma of the Submandibular Gland: A 35 Year Review. Oral presentation at the *10th Annual Meeting of the Paul H. Ward, M.D. Society*, Los Angeles, CA, June 10, 2000.
5. Grading Acute Laryngeal Allograft Rejection with a Discussion of Chronic Rejection in the Canine. Oral presentation at the *10th Annual Meeting of the Paul H. Ward, M.D. Society*, Los Angeles, CA, June 10, 2000.
First place, "Outstanding Research Presentation in the Field of Otolaryngology/Head & Neck Surgery by a Resident"
6. Grading Acute Laryngeal Allograft Rejection with a Discussion of Chronic Rejection in the Canine. Oral presentation at the *Annual Award Meeting of the Medical Student Thesis Program - UCLA School of Medicine*, Los Angeles, CA, June 13, 2001.
7. Use of Lasers in Skin Resurfacing. Oral presentation at the *Division of Head and Neck Surgery Grand Rounds*, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, May 11, 2005.
8. The Basics of Allergic Rhinitis, Immunology and Immunotherapy. Oral presentation at the *Division of Head and Neck Surgery Grand Rounds*, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, November 16, 2005.
9. Mini-Trephination as an Adjunctive Measure in the Endoscopic Management of Complex Frontal Sinus Disease. Poster presentation at the *Combined Middle and Western Sections of the Triological Society Meeting*. San Diego, CA, February 2-5, 2006.
Resident Travel Award
10. Curcumin Suppresses IL-6 and IL-8 Production in Head and Neck Cancer Cell Lines via Inhibition of I κ B Kinase (IKK). Poster presentation at the *American Head and Neck Society International Meeting*. Chicago, IL, August 17-20, 2006.
11. Evaluation and Management of the Patient with a Neck Mass. Oral presentation at *West Hills Medical Center Grand Rounds*. October 19, 2007.
12. Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA). Oral presentation at *West Hills Medical Center Grand Rounds*. October 26, 2007.

TEACHING

2007 - PRESENT	<i>Assistant Clinical Professor of Surgery</i> , David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA - Instruct residents in the clinic as well as in the operating room on the proper management of patients with various head and neck disorders. Instruct medical students in regards to head and neck anatomy as well as proper evaluation of otolaryngology patients including history taking and physical examination.
2005	<i>Resident Instructor</i> - Instruct 3 rd year medical students on Head and Neck anatomy, history taking and proper clinical examination.
2000-2001	<i>Doctoring 4 Instructor</i> - Advised 3 rd year medical students on the approach to various clinical situations encountered in both the inpatient and outpatient settings.
1996	<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , UCLA, Upper Division Animal Physiology Course

COMMUNITY OUTREACH EFFORTS

- 1998-1999** Surgery Interest Group (SIG), UCLA School of Medicine – Co-President
- 1997-1999** Medical Students Organized to Create Activism and Leadership (MSOCAL)
- ◆ **Co-Director:** 3rd Annual UCLA Health Care Symposium: “Health Care Delivery in the 21st Century: Challenges and Reforms in California.” January 23, 1999.
 - ◆ **Assistant Director:** 2nd Annual UCLA Health Care Symposium: “Health Care in the 21st Century: Preventive Care and the Role of the Health Care Professional.” January 31, 1998.
- 1994-1997** Bruins for the Homeless -- Founder, Elected President for two years
- 1995-1996** AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA) – Volunteer
- 1994-1995** Students’ Medical Aid and Relief Team (SMART) – Volunteer